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THE STRIKE-BREAKER.

Of course, in the eye of unified labor, the strike-breaker is the lowest possible type of manhood; he is an offense against which nothing can operate in the way of palliation; he is a stench in the nostrils of unionism, and the bete noir of the agitator; but segregated, analyzed, and understood, in the common purview of humanity, he is a notable figure, and a brave one. Bravery is his prime quality, for without it, he would not be a strike-breaker.

Starting out with this conspicuous essential, it is not difficult to equip him with other and no less mainly attributes. For instance, it is easy to conceive that he has a very definite object in following up the dangerous business he is in; he must have some motive other than mere wage-earning; he is impelled by the same agencies that keep other men at work, the maintenance and sustenance of dear ones at home, the common yet splendid incentive of caring for some cherished mother, wife, sister or other dependent kin; the manly desire to be at work, the eager desire to avoid the ban of dependence, or any one of a hundred reasons that inspire men to enter the field and stay there doing their routine duties day in and day out.

He is not taking another man's bread from him, because the other fellow has cast the bread and the opportunity from him; he is not doing anything that is forbidden by moral law, but is rather obeying the highest of all the commoner precepts of life and doing a man's part in the sphere abandoned by another. No matter what the cause was that drove the other man from it, nor what rule of action that he obeyed in leaving the ground, if that cause and rule do not exist for the strike-breaker, he has the same right to the vacated place as its original occupant had.

That he can afford to enter the field with the handicap imposed by his peculiar surroundings, is largely to his credit, and he furnishes an example that has long been needed in this country to contravene the absurd contention of organized labor, that the work it abandons must be left undone. The right to work belongs to all men alike and may not be disputed by any man nor set of men, upon any hypothesis whatever. The duty to work and provide and be self-supporting is fundamental and rigidly obligatory upon all decent and well-balanced men, and no man's fellow has the shadow of a right to bar or hinder his attainment of that attitude in society; and the organized effort to reverse this doctrine is one of the rocks on which Union labor is going to split before many years. The strike-breaker is the wedge that shall undo all such false entanglements, and in serving this end he will assert an influence and create a change, as helpful to labor as it will be to society in general. He is a potent factor in the new future, and his hands should be held aloft.

BEGGING THE QUESTION.
Our friend the Oregonian is still begging the question of the real legal merit of the Port of Columbia law, satisfying itself with the assumption that it will be an excellent thing for Portland, whatever it may be for Astoria. What is so plainly apparent to well equipped law students, is quietly ignored by the big daily, on the ground that it has no right to express itself until the courts have had a chance to scrutinize, and rule upon, the measure; which appears to us to be a slim predicate for such an assurance of its efficacy as the Oregonian so stiffly asserts. We are addressing ourselves to the actual, lawful status of the law, as the quickest means of rendering it harmless and of no avail; and we commend the idea to our big friend up the two rivers, since it were well to know that it is primarily sound in a legal way, before it counts too many chickens from the hatching of it on the 24th instant. Sometime the Oregonian will learn to look at this matter as we are looking at it, and not confuse itself and its readers by advancing lame-duck theories that are minus the genuine essential of honest endorsement. We have yet to note a single word of this sort in this relation as coming from the Oregonian. It is not always so timid in voicing its really valuable opinions and we beg to suggest that our patience is illimitable.

A SAD CONCLUSION.
There is deep mourning in many a home on both the Atlantic and Pacific slopes by reason of the frightful accident of Saturday last in California, when a score and a half of Shriners and their guests were hurled to death in the accident to the Southern Pacific train near Santa Barbara. These people had traveled across the continent to enjoy the warm and lordly hospitality of their fraters on the coast; had partaken of the best that generosity and lodge-wealth might offer in a land literally "flowing with milk and honey," and were homeward bound with a realizing sense of the devoted spirit that had made their visit a life-episode. And in the very midst of their grateful, reminiscent, kindly talk of the people and incidents of their happy visit, the stroke of fate fell with bitter force to mark the journey as one of the gravest and saddest in history. It is pitiful and the end of it will be noted in every corner.

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